

Appendix A
Comments on Draft Plan
January 17, 2005

	Comment	Action Taken
001	Economic Goal—drop “potential” from sustainability	Dropped “potential”
012	Like the references to lighting, page 4 of the Goals section.	No action
012	Like the references to sign standards, page 8 of Goals section.	No action
006	What does “small scale agriculture” mean?-- Based on Cook County Land Use Plan	No action
002	Add ski trails to map	Added- See Maps
003	Add bike path to map	Added- See Maps
004	Have we defined service area so residents know where services will be available?	Added- See Maps
005	Airport possible? Another location? Keeping it residential	Added to Chapter 4, Transportation “Support the redevelopment of the Tofte airstrip for public safety and residential use.”
08	Sawbill Trail—specific planning? Aesthetically appealing. Screening--Keep commercial development back from road.	Added to Chapter 3: ”The Sawbill Trail continues to be the main north-south road into the interior accessing the BWCAW. The extent of visible development continues to be concentrated close to the Tofte village area. The Sawbill Trail has been included as one of the Nation’s “All American Roads” Added to Chapter 4: The undeveloped character along the Sawbill Trail should be ensured through screening and other appropriate measures. Design standards for maintenance and reconstruction should provide for the safety of travelers as well as wildlife.
009	Will town core discourage business development? Along the highway outside of the core? If development going up side streets off of highway location not as desirable.	
012	Core Village? To us this is the 40 MPH zone on HWY 61. This is the zone that shapes Tofte to the greatest extent. This is also where Main Street starts and ends. We also consider this the “ impact zone” for commercial development and are for the most part the same as the “Commercial Zone”. What happens in this zone will define and shape Tofte more than any other portion of the township and therefore the plan should concentrate on this area the greatest extent from a planning and regulatory standpoint	

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012	Agree with the statement that the Tofte “image is defined in large by the experience along the corridor”.	Added the Tofte Guidelines to the Appendix. Added to Chapter 4: “ Provide for pedestrian access across Highway 61 through an overpass or underpass.”
012	Have the plan support to a greater extent the already established <i>Tofte Design Guidelines</i> . Perhaps they could be part of the appendices for reference. If a potential developer reviews the plan there will be reference to the desired commercial image for Tofte that has been in effect for the past 12-15 years (I do not recall the exact year). The timing might be good for this committee to review these guidelines and see if amendments should be made to compliment this more extensive plan. A monitoring section should be added to the guidelines also.	
007	Pedestrian Overpass?	
012	Very much like the goal of- “sustainable development for the future”.	No action
012	Very much like the 2015 vision statement chapter.	No action
010	Monitoring needs to be fleshed out.	Added to Chapter 6:
012	<i>Monitoring</i> : Would like to see more in the monitoring section. The indicators that will be monitored would be important to have established. I am afraid that if this is not done during plan development it will be hard to get around to at a later date. If effectiveness monitoring is found to be undesirable, what is the process for bringing about change?	<p>“At a minimum, annually, prior to the Annual Meeting, the Town Board shall assess the need for a further, in-depth review of this Plan</p> <p>Monitor the progress toward completion of the projects listed in the Community Plan.</p> <p>Determine the need for additional projects to achieve the community vision.</p> <p>Collect and maintain demographic statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total Population b. Births and deaths c. School enrollment d. Age structure of population <p>As needed, obtain data from the County as listed in the “Plan Monitoring” Section of the Cook County Land Use Guide Plan, 1997:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Land Use b. Ecology c. Community d. Economy e. Subjective measures”
	Date for Annual Review—possibly change prior to Annual Meeting	

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011LTR	<p>I am wondering if the town of Tofte has the power to zone the Birch Grove Elementary School property (the property that has the building on it as well as the tennis courts, ice rink, playground, etc.) as a SCHOOL ZONE ONLY. I realize that the school district owns 40 acres surrounding the building, but I am not concerned with that. I want to know if the property that the building sits on and the property just surrounding the building can be zoned so that ONLY A SCHOOL is allowed on the site.</p> <p>My second question is IF you were able to zone this particular property as a SCHOOL ZONE only, how long would a process like that take???</p> <p>I just want to know if this idea is possible. I want to know if the town of Tofte has this kind of power.</p>	No action